

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1580
ANSWERED ON 10.12.2021

LACK OF FUNDS FOR RAILWAY PROJECTS

1580 # Dr. KIRODI LAL MEENA

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether various projects including new railway lines in Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Haryana and NCR region are pending for a long time due to lack of funds;
- (b) if so, the details thereof for the last three years;
- (c) whether sufficient funds have not been allocated for the said pending railway projects, if so, the reasons therefor;
- (d) by when the railway line from Dausa to Gangapur City in Rajasthan which has been pending for the last twenty years, would be completed ; and
- (e) the steps taken/being taken by Government to complete the pending projects of other States including Rajasthan?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1580 BY Dr. KIRODI LAL MEENA ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 10.12.2021 REGARDING LACK OF FUNDS FOR RAILWAY PROJECTS.

(a) and (b): No, Sir. The Railway projects are sanctioned Zonal Railway wise and not State-wise as the Railways' projects may span across state boundaries. Details of ongoing projects and projects commissioned in Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Haryana and Delhi including NCR region during the last three years and current year i.e. 2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21 and 2021-22 (upto Nov' 2021) are as under:

Rajasthan:

As on 01.04.2021, 28 Projects (11 New Lines, 5 Gauge Conversion and 12 Doubling) costing ₹56,261 crore for 5,069 km length, falling fully/partly in Rajasthan are under different stages of planning/ approval/ execution, out of which 769 Km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹9,690 crore has been incurred upto March, 2021.

Since 2014, there has been substantial increase in fund allocation and commensurate commissioning of projects. Average Annual Budget allocation for Infrastructure projects & safety works, falling fully/ partly in State of Rajasthan, during 2014-19 has been enhanced to ₹2,951 crore per year from ₹682 crore per year during 2009-14, which is 333% more than Average Annual Budget allocation during 2009-14. These allocations have been ₹4,686 crore in Financial Year 2019-20 (587% more than the Average Annual Budget allocation of 2009-14) and ₹4,582 crore in Financial Year 2020-21(572% more than the Average Annual Budget allocation of 2009-14). For Financial Year 2021-22, highest ever budget outlay of ₹6,006 crore {Original Budget Outlay (BE) ₹4,986 Crore and additional allotment ₹1,020 Crore} has been provided for these Projects, which is 781% more than the Average Annual Budget outlay of 2009-14 (₹682 crore per year).

During the last three years i.e. Financial Year 2018-19, 2019-20 and 2020-21, 01 New Line project of length of 59 km costing ₹350 crore, 01 Gauge Conversion project of length of 320 km costing ₹1,105 crore and 07 Doubling Projects of total length of 306 km costing ₹2,164 crore, falling fully/partly in the State of Rajasthan have been commissioned.

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Uttar Pradesh:

As on 01.04.2021, 79 Projects (16 New Lines, 5 Gauge conversion and 58 Doubling), costing ₹97,961 crore for 7,038 km length, falling fully/partly in Uttar Pradesh are under different stages of planning/ approval/ execution, out of which 1,056 Km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹19,224 crore has been incurred upto March, 2021.

Since 2014, there has been substantial increase in fund allocation and commensurate commissioning of projects. Average Annual Budget allocation for Infrastructure projects & safety works, falling fully/ partly in State of Uttar Pradesh, during 2014-19 has been enhanced to ₹5,278 crore per year from ₹1,109 crore per year during 2009-14, which is 376% more than Average Annual Budget allocation during 2009-14. These allocations have been ₹8,403 crore in Financial Year 2019-20 (658% more than the Average Annual Budget allocation of 2009-14) and ₹8,576 crore in Financial Year 2020-21 (673% more than the Average Annual Budget allocation of 2009-14). For Financial Year 2021-22, highest ever budget outlay of ₹14,128 crore {Original Budget Outlay (BE) ₹12,696 Crore and additional allotment ₹1,432 Crore} has been provided for these projects, which is 1,174% more than the Average Annual Budget Outlay of 2009-14 (₹1,109 crore per year).

During the last three years i.e. Financial Year 2018-19, 2019-20 and 2020-21, 01 New Line project of length of 2 km costing ₹43 crore, 02 Gauge Conversion projects of length of 613 km costing ₹2,126 crore and 09 Doubling Projects of total length of 288 km costing ₹2,054 crore falling fully/partly in the State of Uttar Pradesh have been commissioned.

Haryana:

As on 01.04.2021, 12 Projects (06 New Lines and 06 Doubling) costing ₹20,035 crore for 1,635 km length, falling fully/partly in Haryana are under different stages of planning/ approval/ execution, out of which 51 Km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹1,426 crore has been incurred upto March, 2021.

Since 2014, there has been substantial increase in fund allocation and commensurate commissioning of projects. Average Annual Budget allocation for Infrastructure projects & safety works, falling fully/ partly in State of Haryana, during 2014-19 has been enhanced to

₹968 crore per year from ₹315 crore per year during 2009-14, which is 207% more than Average Annual Budget allocation during 2009-14. These allocations have been ₹1,344 crore in Financial Year 2019-20 (327% more than the Average Annual Budget allocation of 2009-14) and ₹1,070 crore in Financial Year 2020-21 (240% more than the Average Annual Budget allocation of 2009-14). For Financial Year 2021-22, budget outlay of ₹1,301 crore {Original Budget Outlay (BE)- ₹1,201 Crore and additional allotment- ₹100 Crore} has been provided for these works, which is 313% more than the Average Annual Budget outlay of 2009-14 (₹315 crore per year).

During the last three years i.e. Financial Year 2018-19, 2019-20 and 2020-21, 01 New Line project of length of 85 km costing ₹1,001 crore, 01 Gauge Conversion project of length of 320 km costing ₹1,105 crore and 02 Doubling Projects of total length of 103 km costing ₹831 crore falling fully/partly in the State of Haryana have been commissioned .

Delhi:

As on 01.04.2021, 04 Projects (01 New Lines and 03 Doubling) costing ₹3,983 crore for 302 km length, falling fully/partly in Delhi are under different stages of planning/ approval/ execution and an expenditure of ₹254 crore has been incurred upto March, 2021.

Since 2014, there has been substantial increase in fund allocation and commensurate commissioning of Projects. Average Annual Budget allocation for Infrastructure projects & safety works, falling fully/ partly in State of Delhi, during 2014-19 has been enhanced to ₹244 crore per year from ₹96 crore per year during 2009-14, which is 154% more as compared to Average Annual Budget allocation during 2009-14. These allocations have been ₹746 crore in Financial Year 2019-20 (677% more than the Average Annual Budget allocation of 2009-14) and ₹312 crore in Financial Year 2020-21 (225% more than the Average Annual Budget allocation of 2009-14). For Financial Year 2021-22, budget outlay of ₹330 crore {Original Budget Outlay (BE) ₹310 Crore and additional allotment ₹20 Crore} has been provided for these works, which is 254% more than the Average Annual Budget outlay of 2009-14 (₹96 crore per year).

During the last three years i.e. Financial Year 2018-19, 2019-20 and 2020-21, 02 Doubling projects of total length of 41 km costing ₹503 crore falling fully/partly in the State of Delhi have been commissioned .

(c): Thorough review of the projects has been carried out and projects have been prioritized. Budget outlay has been provided to the projects in a rationalized manner and budget has been allotted to the projects which are in advance stage of completion, priority projects, important New Line & National projects, executable & important Gauge conversion projects and the projects which are important from the throughput enhancement considerations. Thus, focused attention is given in fund allotment, rather than thinly spreading the resources without commensurate results.

(d): Dausa – Gangapur City (92.67 km) New Line project was sanctioned in the year 1996-97. The anticipated cost of the projects is ₹890 crore. So far an expenditure of ₹759 crore has been incurred on the project and Dausa- Deedwana (35 km) and Piplai- Gangapur City (25 km) sections have been commissioned and works have been taken up in the remaining section of Deedwana-Piplai.

The completion of any Railway project(s) depends on various factors like quick land acquisition by State Government, forest clearance by officials of forest department, deposition of cost share by State Government in cost sharing projects, priority of projects, shifting of infringing utilities, statutory clearances from various authorities, geological and topographical conditions of area, law and order situation in the area of project(s) site, number of working months in a year for particular project site due to climatic conditions etc. and all these factors affect the completion time of the project(s), due to which the confirmed time frame for completion of projects cannot be ascertained at this stage. Nevertheless, every effort is being made to execute the project(s) expeditiously.

(e): Various steps being taken by the Government for effective and speedy implementation of rail projects include (i) prioritisation of projects (ii) substantial increase in allocation of funds on priority projects (iii) delegation of powers at field level (iv) close monitoring of progress of project at various levels, and (v) regular follow up with State Governments and concerned authorities for expeditious land acquisition, forestry and Wildlife clearances and for resolving other issues pertaining to projects.
